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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank you for sending your letter of May 31 and your manuscript *Abdicated Historians Pontificate from Ignorance about the JFK Assassination and Oliver Stone's Exploitation and Commercialization of It*, both of which arrived here on June 5 when I was away on a trip to of all places New Orleans!

I appreciated the opportunity to learn more about your writings and about the details of some of the detective work you had done on the Warren Commission report and Kennedy assassination. It was also instructive to read about your interactions with Oliver Stone's office.

The purpose of our AHR Forum on the movie "JFK" was to assess its effectiveness in raising historical questions, its artistic merit and general approach. We did not have the space to argue and judge its truth claims. We were confident that you and those who have followed you in this effort would continue to make those arguments and judgments in your books and articles.

As you surmised, I cannot accept your essay manuscript and thereby launch a series of claims and counter-claims about the truth of particular accusations and theories in regard to the work of the Warren Commission. The AHR does not have the space to accommodate a continuing debate of this kind. The best I can offer is an opportunity to submit for our consideration a letter for our Communications section. We judge such letters on whether they contribute usefully to the discussions to which they refer and are of general interest before deciding to publish them. Your letter would be given the same consideration as others.

Sincerely,


David L. Ransel
Editor